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# RUSH PLANS FOR ERECTING BUILDINGS

## CITY-WIDE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND BUILDING SITES

Entire Citizenry to Participate in Selecting Appropriate Locations for Auditorium, Library and City Hall

Local residents from all walks of life and from all sections within the far flung boundaries of the City of Torrance have been requested by the city council to form a "Committee of Forty" to recommend suitable locations for the new municipal auditorium, public library and city hall.

On motion of Councilman Stanger and adopted unanimously by the city council Monday evening, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was instructed to invite representatives from industrial plants and their employees, as well as practically every organization in the city to select one representative from their respective groups to act on the city-wide committee. This group, in turn, is to select five business men and five other persons from the general public to act on the "Committee of Forty."

It was specifically stipulated in the council's motion that all real estate men or other persons interested in the selling of property to the city be excluded from membership on the committee, as well as all city employees and representatives.

The committee, after reaching a decision as to the general location for the three buildings, are requested to make a written report to the city council, which body, of course, must take the official action in purchasing the sites agreed upon.

Following are the industrial plants and organizations, named

- TURN TO STORY ONE**  
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- \* \* \* \* \*
  - \* EARL CONNER \*
  - \* VALUES RIGHT HAND \*
  - \* "Shake the hand that shook \*
  - \* the hand of President Roosevelt," \*
  - \* says Postmaster Earl \*
  - \* Conner, who attended a \*
  - \* luncheon given in honor of \*
  - \* the President at San Diego \*
  - \* yesterday. "Only 50 cents a \*
  - \* shake to good Democrats, Re- \*
  - \* publicans and all others \$1.00, \*
  - \* and the hand has not been \*
  - \* washed yet," he adds, and \*
  - \* carefully puts the hand be- \*
  - \* hind him if the four-bit piece \*
  - \* is not forthcoming. \*
  - \* Earl says he saw more Ma- \*
  - \* rines in San Diego and \*
  - \* around the Coronado hotel \*
  - \* than there were at Chateau \*
  - \* Thierry, all of them great big \*
  - \* strong boys with great big \*
  - \* guns, guarding the President, \*
  - \* who left immediately after \*
  - \* the luncheon to board the \*
  - \* Houston for observation of \*
  - \* fleet maneuvers and his trip \*
  - \* to the east coast via the \*
  - \* Panama Canal. \*
  - \* \* \* \* \*

## Torrance Hens Out to Win At Fair; Lay 11 Eggs In One Day

Future Farmers of America, Torrance high school unit, were awarded the blue ribbon for first place in the poultry project, entered at the Los Angeles county fair, which closed last Sunday. The boys took over their flock of laying hens, which defeated all comers in the egg-laying contest. The Torrance hens took the lead from the start and kept it all the way, even going so far as to lay 11 eggs in one day, although only ten hens were included in the flock. As the eggs were gathered and counted daily, there was no chance for an error, and the Torrance hens were given credit for being on the job and out to win.

The Torrance project, which has been under the charge of Arthur Hedrick, included ten White Leghorn hens, which laid 139 eggs in the 17 days they were on exhibit at the fair, a percentage of 83 percent on production. The hens were raised on Reliable Mash, feed supplied by the Torrance Feed and Poultry. A prize of \$25 was attached to the winning of first place. Norwalk placed second, their hens producing about 129 eggs. Nine schools completed. On Friday, September 20, the

## Wilson's Feted on Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wilson, 1903 Gramercy avenue, were the honored guests at a party given by the members of the First Baptist church last Tuesday night, when they observed the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married in Lincoln, Illinois, on October 1, 1885. After several years residence there they moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where they lived for nine years, then came to California, where they have resided for 23 years, the past six years in Torrance.

A very enjoyable evening was spent Tuesday evening in the Baptist church parlors, where a program of music, readings and other entertainment was presented for the benefit of the honored guests. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received by the couple at this time, and also from members of their family, who joined them at dinner at their home last Sunday. Covers were placed for 16 at this family gathering, guests including Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's daughter, Mrs. W. H. Huse, of Glendale, her two daughters, Mrs. D. McPherson and Mrs. Phil Barron, and her son, Neil Huse; Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Huse, of Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Huse, of Los Angeles, and other members of their families.

Many friends, who were not present at either of these affairs called at the Wilson home on Wednesday to offer their hearty congratulations and good wishes for many more years of life together. Their home was filled with flowers, and an imposing array of gifts were displayed on the table in their home yesterday, tokens of the esteem and friendship of their associates.

## Papers Ready To File For Funds For New Sewers

Vista Highlands and South Torrance Included In Request for Funds

City Engineer Frank Leonard reported to the city council Monday night that all papers are ready to pass on to the WPA officials for their approval of a sewer system to serve South Torrance and Vista Highlands. Some changes have been made in the original plans, to avoid having to make several deep cuts, some of which will run 30 feet deep, which can not be dug by hand labor.

Although the dead line for filing applications is past, September 21, being the date for closing, it is possible that later applications may be substituted for some which have not been accepted because the requirements have not been met.

In addition to this possibility, the county of Los Angeles has made blanket applications, under which it is possible to secure the approval of local projects.

## Entertainment For Hard of Hearing

Entertainment for the hard of hearing will be provided tomorrow at a program to be given at the First Methodist church, starting at 1:30 o'clock. A group hearing aid will be provided, so that all may enjoy the music and other numbers which will be provided. The entertainment is given by those in charge of the Torrance Club for the Hard of Hearing, and all deaf persons, whether members of the club or not, are invited.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits for the month of September reached the total of \$17,055 this year, an increase of \$15,205 over last year's business for the same month which totaled only \$1,850. Totals for the year are \$181,335 as compared with \$131,682 for the first nine months of 1934.

## A Vote of Confidence

Action of City Council Indicative of Fine Spirit of Democracy; Civic Harmony Promoted

An Editorial  
 By GROVER C. WHYTE

The progressive spirit of Torrance was forcefully expressed last Friday when local citizens went to the voting polls and put their emphatic stamp of approval on the plan proposed by the city council for erecting three imposing new buildings to serve the residents of this community.

The preponderance of "yes" votes cast at the election is most encouraging and indicates that people are again looking forward with courage and confidence to a brighter future. This renewed optimism is well founded as there is much ahead of Torrance. Industrial expansions either planned or definitely assured are estimated to almost double payrolls, according to advice from well-informed quarters.

Friday's election was a splendid vote of confidence not only in the future of this city, but in the integrity and ability of city officials, whose duty it now becomes to carry out the wishes of the people. And in the same fine spirit of confidence in the people's judgment coupled with a sincere desire to please the entire citizenry, members of the city council by unanimous action Monday evening asked that a city-wide committee be formed for the purpose of recommending suitable sites for the municipal auditorium, public library, city hall and jail. The committee will be sufficiently large to include representatives from all types of residents from all sections of the community.

Such co-operative action is bound to promote civic harmony. When all have a voice and an opportunity to be heard, most people are willing to abide by the opinion of the majority. Such is the true spirit of democracy and the underlying principle of our government. While many communities may be harassed by ambitious politicians who seem to be more interested in their own personal gain than they are in serving their constituents, it is indeed refreshing to see such an unselfish and fair-minded attitude as has been expressed by our city council. Keep this spark alive and Torrance will go far.

## Co-ordinating Council Saturday

Regular monthly meeting of the co-ordinating council will be held at 9 o'clock Saturday morning in the council chamber at the city hall. All members are requested to attend, promptly at the hour stated.

## Fire Destroys Shop At Mountain View

Fire in the field shop of the National Supply Company at Mountain View, near Bakersfield, destroyed building and stock valued at \$10,000 last week. The loss will fall on the company which carries its own insurance.

## All Three Building Projects Win By Over 3-to-1 Majority

With a magnificent majority of over three to one, Torrance voters last Friday approved the \$85,000 municipal bond issue necessary to defray the city's portion of the estimated \$137,500 cost of land and erection of a new \$57,000 municipal auditorium, \$32,500 public library and \$48,000 city hall and jail. On all three of the projects there was registered a safe and gratifying margin over the necessary two-thirds majority required by law.

Approximately a third of the city's registered voters went to the polls, which is considered a good vote for a special election, as many general elections only poll a 40 percent vote. Tally of the ballots from the six city precincts is given below:

Consolidated Precinct	Proposition 1 AUDITORIUM		Proposition 2 PUBLIC LIBRARY		Proposition 3 CITY HALL AND JAIL	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
A-18211 Prairie Ave., McDonald Tract	23	22	24	21	19	25
B-3275 Torrance Blvd.	247	73	282	63	257	68
C-Fire Hall, 1523 Gravens Ave.	282	28	285	25	281	29
D-1904 Andrea	110	80	117	74	106	85
E-335 Narbonne Ave.	30	20	30	20	31	19
F-24556 Hawthorne, Watteria	92	18	51	19	53	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>243</b>

Number of votes cast, 1,007. Number of Registered Voters, 3,301.

## Postoffice To Be Dedicated October 12

Formal dedication and public inspection of the new Torrance post-office building will take place on Saturday, October 12. Postmaster C. Earl Conner announced today, as workmen were putting the finishing touches on the splendid new structure.

An interesting ceremony is being arranged for the afternoon of October 12, and a number of prominent federal officials and visitors from throughout Southern California are expected to attend.

Congressman Charles J. Golden, through whose efforts the appropriation was made for erecting the new federal building, is expected to be among the speakers. A special musical program will be given beginning at 3 p. m. by the Torrance Symphonic Orchestra. The orchestra has been practicing for the occasion for a long time and an excellent program has been arranged, according to George N. Mershon, conductor.

The inspection on Saturday, October 12, will be the last opportunity that the general public will have to view the workshop of Uncle Sam's new building, according to Postmaster Conner. On the following Monday, the postoffice staff will begin handling mail at the new building and, of course, the public is not permitted in the "back room" of any postoffice.

## Bill Shawger Is Elected Prexy Of Kiwanis Club

New Staff of Officers Is Chosen at Meeting Held Last Monday

Bill Shawger, superintendent at the D & M plant, was elected president of the Kiwanis club at its regular meeting held Monday night at American Legion hall. Shawger has been a member of the club for about three years and is one of the most active and devoted members. His staff of officers includes Bob Deiningger, vice president; Chas. E. Rippey, treasurer; Bert Acres, Bill Taylor, Carl Warner, Frank Paour, Ed Brunner, Henry Grubb and Bob Lewellen, directors.

Installation ceremonies will be held in January, the end of the club year. The secretary will be named at a meeting of the directors at an early date.

Coach Bernard J. Donahue was elected to membership Monday night, and to him was turned over the supervision of the Torrance Key club, a high school boys' organization, which is sponsored by the Kiwanis club.

Next Monday night will be ladies' night. The meeting will be in the form of a dinner dance to be held at the Palomar club in Los Angeles. Members are requested to make their reservations with Frank Paour or Carl Warner.

## CITY EXPECTS TO OPEN BIDS ON THREE BUILDINGS OCT. 22

Bids For Bonds Also to Be Asked; Everything Ready to Go Ahead With Work As Soon As Federal Funds Arrive

As soon as it was definitely known that Torrance voters had approved the issuance of \$85,000 in municipal bonds to defray the city's portion of the \$137,500 estimated cost of erecting a municipal auditorium, public library, city hall and jail, immediate contact with Washington

authorities was established in the hope of obtaining the \$52,500 federal grant at an early date so that construction of the buildings may begin.

Following the tally of votes Friday night, James L. Beebe of the law firm of O'Melveny, Tully & Myer, legal counsel engaged by the City of Torrance on bond matters, dispatched an airmail letter to the legal department of the PWA in Washington advising the federal authorities of the favorable action taken by Torrance voters and requesting that final approval of the federal grant be expedited. At noon today, no reply had been received from Washington.

In the meantime, Walker & Eisen, architects of the three buildings, are rushing the completion of specifications and the city council expects to authorize the advertising for construction bids at its meeting next Tuesday, October 8.

It is anticipated that bids will be opened at the second meeting of the city council on October 22, and that contracts will be ready to let as soon as the federal grant money is received.

Ordinance asking for sealed bids through financial institutions for the purchase of the city's bonds authorized at Friday's election are also scheduled to be up for adoption at next Tuesday's council meeting. A tentative offer to buy the municipal bonds at 3 1/2 percent interest has already been verbally offered by the same bond brokers who purchased the water district bonds, it is reported. However, under the terms of the proposal, as approved by the voters, the municipal bonds cannot be sold until the federal grant is assured.

## LOCAL FOLKS greet President AT SAN DIEGO

Postmaster Earl Conner, Mrs. Conner, and Dr. and Mrs. McCuarrig of Gardena, went to San Diego yesterday, where they were guests at luncheon at the Coronado hotel, given in honor of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is attending the exposition. The guests included those who were chairman in their communities in charge of the President's Birthday Ball, held last January. As the group is limited in number, those who attended had a real opportunity to greet the President and be presented to him.

## Double Postage Required If Letter Not Properly Addressed

Torrance letter writers, and particularly merchants who mail large quantities of statements to their customers each month, with no more formal address than the words "John Smith, City," are going to find their letters returned to them for better address, after this date, says Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

"Not that we want to be unaccommodating, but we have to comply with regulations of the department, which says that all mail directed to a postoffice which maintains carrier delivery must be properly addressed to the individual at his street address, rural route box, or postoffice box.

"Formerly when the regular carrier was on duty day after day, he was able to sort out mail that came addressed only to John Smith, Torrance, California, as he was familiar with the names of all patrons on his route. But since the 40-hour week law went into effect in the postoffice, this situation has changed. Now there are substitute carriers on duty part of the time, and these boys do not know every John Smith, Bill Jones or Tom Brown in the city. The result is that when several hundred letters are dumped into the postoffice with no more formal direction than the name and the city, there is great confusion and delay in sorting it out and many letters have to be held up for proper addresses.

"The sender of such mail, can be of great help to the office by properly addressing his letter, and if this is not done the whole batch will be returned to the sender," says the postmaster. "This means that he will be out the amount of double the postage, for letters returned for better address can not be re-mailed after the stamp has been cancelled, but another stamp must be affixed."

## Mrs. Wilcox at Redondo Office

Mrs. Bertha Wilcox, clerk of the Inglewood township justice court, who has been dividing her time between the Torrance, Redondo and Gardena offices, is now on duty full time at the Redondo office, which will be kept open for the convenience of patrons daily. The Torrance office is now open to the public on Thursday afternoon only, but it may be that a clerk will be assigned to this office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

## Colden Host to Committeemen

Congressman Charles J. Golden has issued invitations to Democratic committeemen, assemblymen and postmasters of the 17th district to be his guests at dinner Monday night, October 7. The affair will be held at the Gilpin restaurant, 8455 South Vermont avenue, Los Angeles.